

October 9, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and member Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Chief Waters; Judy Dicus Thomann and Doug Ralston – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Josh Brock and family; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Attorney Higgins.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins arrived at the meeting.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like permission to send Officer Lemberg to Denver, IN October 28th through the 30th for recertification with the K9. He added they are required to be recertified every year.

Board member Askren move permission to attend be given, as well as permission to use the city credit card. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit then stated he would like permission to pay the officers overtime for some extra patrols for the upcoming Halloween weekends.

Board member Askren asked if there is money in his budget for this ?

Chief Beloit replied he is already over budget in overtime, but he can transfer from other areas of his budget to cover it.

Board member Askren then moved permission to pay the extra overtime be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloat concluded his report by stating he did get a quote from Best Buy on the digital cameras they had discussed at previous meetings. He stated the quote is for 15 cameras, the memory chips that go with them, and the cases. He added the cameras were quoted at employee pricing and the cases and memory cards were quoted at 50% off.

Board member Higgins moved Chief Beloat be permitted to proceed with the purchase. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters reported they are still accepting applications; they have had 15 picked up and two returned. He stated they will accept applications for another week yet.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated in January is the Pest Management Conference, held at Purdue. He added he would like permission for himself and two other employees to attend. He stated Roger Bebout and Don Rye need to attend to get their hours for mosquito spraying, and he would like to attend to possibly get his license in the future.

Board member Askren moved permission to attend and use the city credit card be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard concluded his report by stating they have progressed with readying the Kimball Street property and they are ready for the building to be put up, along with the fence. He added Comm. Gray indicated hopefully construction will begin within 30 days.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Higgins stated she would like to commend Comm. Maynard for his forethought in getting the city their salt early for this winter. She added she has seen in the papers and on TV where Evansville and Vanderburgh County may have problems getting their salt and she appreciates Comm. Maynard's thinking ahead.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a Public Hearing to be held on the Long Term Control Plan.

Attorney Higgins stated today's hearing is required by SRF, the funding source for the project. She reminded the Board the LTCP was revised and the main reason for the revisions was to bring down the price tag. She added Bernardin Lochmueller is present should they have any questions.

Judy Dicus Thomann approached the podium and gave an overview of the project, as such:

This is project to eliminate combined sewer overflows. The City was mandated by the USEPA and the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to develop a long term control plan (LTCP) to eliminate and/or reduce their CSO. The City developed the LTCP, IDEM has approved it and this SRF loan is for the implementation of that Approved LTCP.

The City has submitted the application for funding to the Indiana Finance Authority for funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund. The City chose this funding source due to the lower interest rate to ensure the lowest rates possible for the citizens of Mt. Vernon.

This project will eliminate CSO 004 (Sawmill) which currently discharges upstream of the City's drinking water intake. The project will also provide for full treatment of the wet weather flow for precipitation events up to and including a 10-yr/1 hr storm event. It will also include an upgrade to the E & S lift station which will eliminate an unauthorized sanitary sewer overflow (SSO).

This project is a two phased project. Phase 1 will do engineering design for both phase 1 and 2; it will eliminate the CSO at Sawmill which is upstream from the drinking water intake; it will address the needs at the E & S pump station and it will include rehabilitation of the priority 1 manholes in the combined sewer areas.

Phase 2 will build new Mill Creek lift station and new force main to Wastewater treatment plant; do improvements to wastewater treatment plant including a new storage basin.

The total projected cost is \$14,400,000

The City will receive comments for the next 5 days and those will be provided to SRF.

Board member Higgins asked with CSO 004 needs to be completed ?

Ms. Dicus Thomann replied by December, 2009.

Board member Higgins asked when they expect to begin and if there is enough time for the project ?

Ms. Dicus Thomann replied they are on track and they will possibly go out for bids February 12, 2009, with the bid being awarded within 45 days of that. She again added they are on schedule, actually ahead of schedule.

Ms. Dicus Thomann then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

The Public Hearing was then closed.

Mayor Tucker then stated, in reference to the LTCP, Phase 1 will make the City's judicial order go away; and they are saving the City \$1.2M. He added IDEM is also pleased with the new revised plan. He then thanked BLA for their presentation.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated she has heard the County may have some money for the city, and she would like permission to write the County Auditor requesting an advance of any monies they may have.

Board member Askren moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker then stated he received an email today informing him the American Queen will be docking at Mt. Vernon's riverfront October 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He continued by stating there will also be a country music concert, Tim Ash, at the riverfront on October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer